

# TS'DENONI YOUTH PROGRAM

## "WHERE THE BEARS PLAY"



Summer Programming and More

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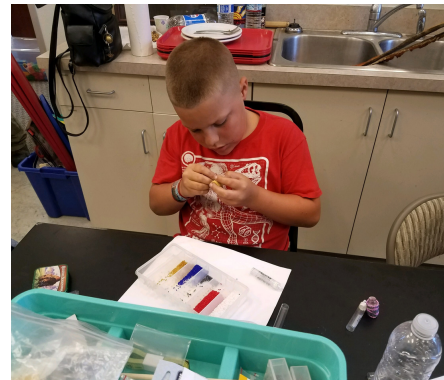
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### SUMMER PROGRAMMING 2018

This summer was full of fun, culture and fieldtrips! Such as basketball camps, stick camps, and cultural workshops for our youth to attend. Culture and creativity are both pivotal in the future success of our youth. We went to fern canyon, the movies, the sequoia park and zoo as well as the Arcata pool and Harbor lanes bowling alley.



The Summer Youth Program was a great place to come hang out with friends, do fun projects and share good times.

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The children enjoyed the summer food program provided by our kitchen staff and spent many afternoons exerting their energy at the park and rec. center.

# Thank you Betty and Sarah!



Hello, my name is Betty Owen-Mead. I am 29 years old, a member of the Wiyot Tribe, mother of four and wife. I was born and raised right here in Humboldt County. I came from a large family and have always been passionate about working with children. I currently am serving on many committees for my tribe such as the stakeholders equity, minors trust, enrollment and housing committees. Last year I had the pleasure of coaching Volleyball for Loleta Elementary and thoroughly enjoyed connecting with the kids. Some of my favorite pastimes include camping, fishing, brush dance, jump dance, crafting and spending time with my family. I am honored to serve as the new Youth Services Worker for the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria and look forward to working with the youth and connecting with the community.



Hello, my name is Sarah Scott I graduated from Mckinleyville High School in 2015. I am enrolled into the Nez Perce Tribe I am also Yurok, Chetco, Yakima, Umatilla and Warm Springs. For the past two years I've been working at United Indian Health Services (UIHS) as the Health Promotion and Education Technician under the Suicide Prevention grant. I am a former Teen Advisory Group member, also known as Tag, and assisting in overseeing the program in my previous position. My previous position has really brought me to love working with youth, before this job I attended the summer camps that UIHS puts on and was selected to be a camp counselor myself. I love working with youth and being able to see them be successful. I can't wait to continue working with youth and learning from them and this new job.

# MEET THE MENTORS

The Summer Youth Program hosted five Youth Mentors! Each of these individuals played a vital role in making the Summer Programming a success!

Each of them brought their own skills and learned a lot more.



## JUSTIN MELMS

"My name is Justin Byron Melms Jr. and I am a Summer Youth Worker. I wanted to be a youth worker to see kids I haven't seen before and teach them what they don't know. I also wanted to see other kids off the rez and Basayo.



## Damien Rodriguez

My name is Damien Rodriguez and I am 17 years old. My favorite part about camp were the field trips and activities. The reason I applied for this position is to be closer to the kids and have a good summer doing something productive. I am glad to be working here and I'm disappointed that this is my last year working here.

## SHAWN ROBINSON

"My name is Shawn, I am 17. I wanted to work as a youth mentor because my brother has worked here and I wanted a job over the summer. I am also good with kids."



## Tessa Smith

"Hi, my name is Tessa. I am 15 years old. I chose to work with the kids because I babysit and taking care of kids is easy and fun."



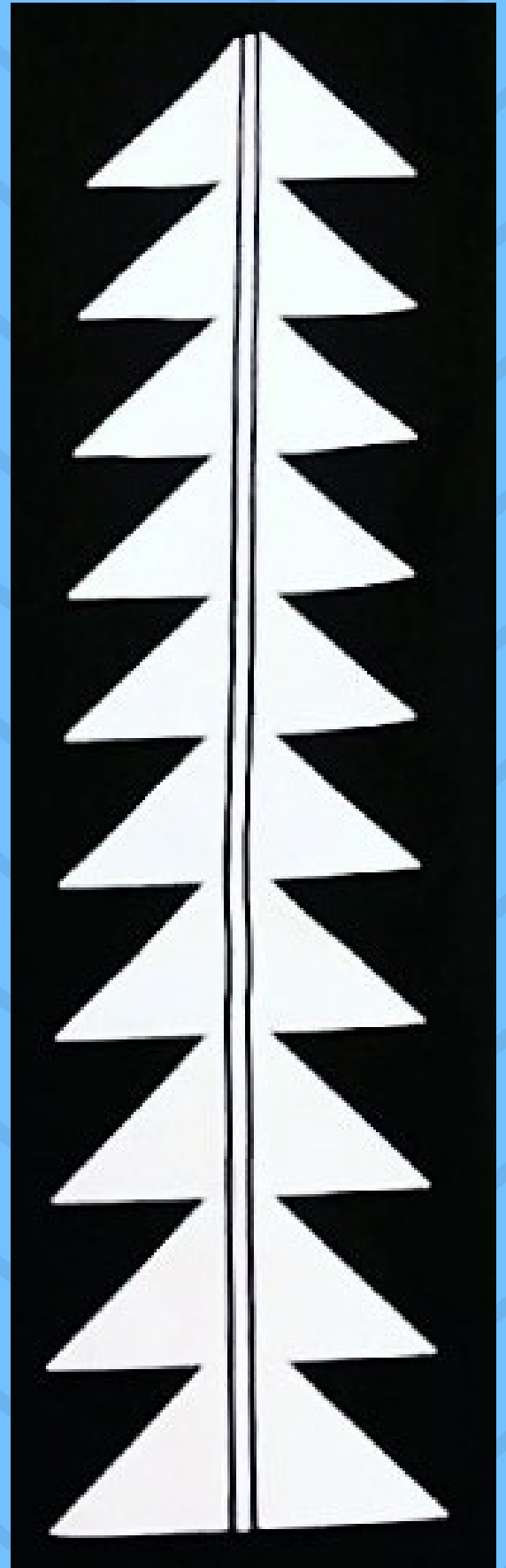
## Billy Robinson

My name is Billy Robinson jr. and I've been working at Ts'Dononi's summer camp as a youth mentor for 3 yrs now. In my opinion this summer camp is pretty fun, we do a lot of activities & we have a lot of competitive kids so it makes them activities funner. This camp is a great way for your kids to meet new friends & get to know them.

# THE TS'DENONI YOUTH THANK YOU

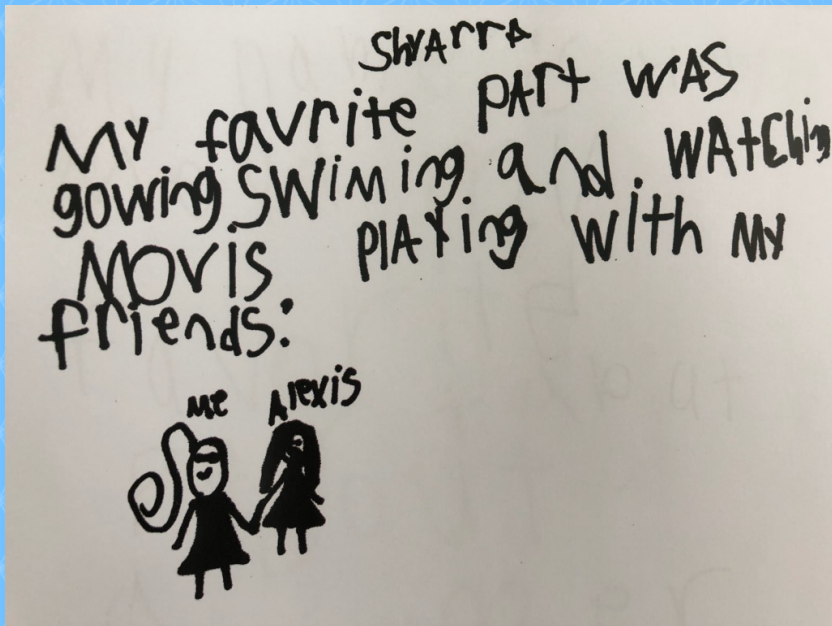
The youth would like to send a huge thank you to those in the community who made this summer possible. Your dedication to this program and it's youth will always be remembered and appreciated.

- **Tribal Council**
- **David Montoya, Executive Director**
- **Social Services**
- **Sarah and Betty**
- **Cultural Department/THPO**
- **Transportation Department**
- **Human Resources**
- **ENR**
- **Recreation Center**
- **Maintenance**
- **Information Technology**
- **Patrick, Kitchen**
- **Murina Pepetone**
- **Erika Cooper**
- **Wendell Freeman**
- **Gusto Bowie**
- **John McGinnis**
- **Thomas Wallace**
- **Bear River Library**
- **Hoopa Tribal Museum**
- **Gordon Bussel**
- **Native Women's Collective**
- **Tanaya Winder**
- **Security and Gaming Department**
- **Native Connections**
- **Bubba Riggins**



NOW INTRODUCING...

## THE YOUTHS "FAVORITE PARTS"



Sierra 6, -  
My favorite  
part was  
basketball.

A.J. - I  
liked going  
swimming.

Quincy-  
My favorite  
part of  
summer camp  
was the  
mentors.

Shawn-  
The games!!!

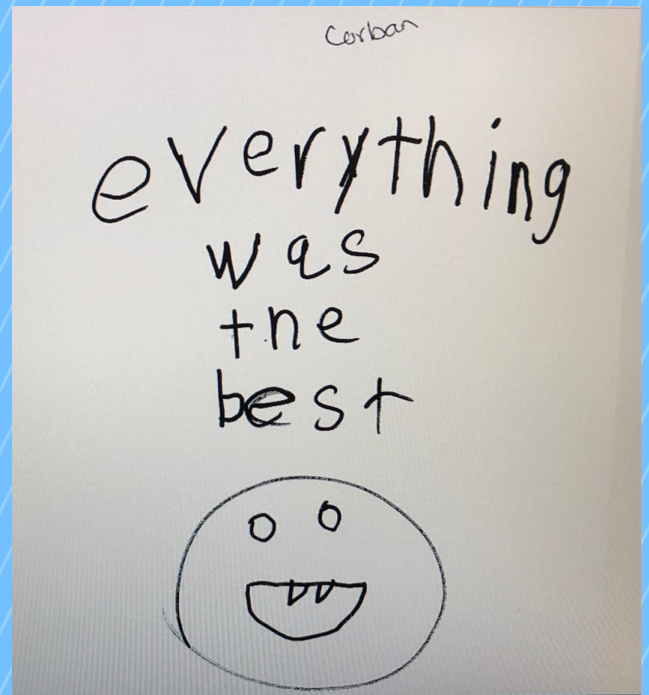
My name is Helynn  
mead m.y  
favorite  
part + about  
a summer  
camp was  
Everything!

Luciano-  
Sharing hot  
Cheetos with  
Sarah.

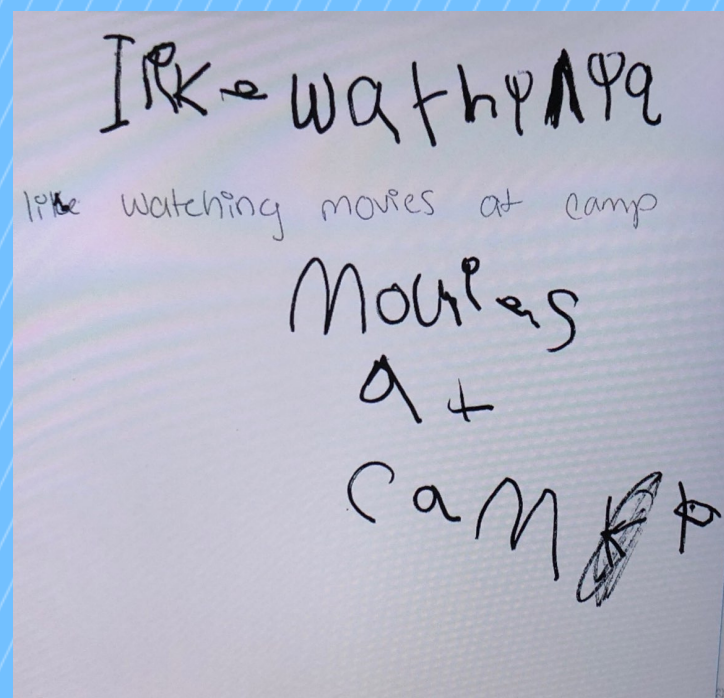
Makai- Playing  
everyone's it tag.

Thomas- My  
favorite part was  
hanging out with  
Sarah & Betty and  
how hard they  
worked to make  
sure we were  
having fun.

Hi my name is  
Jayden,  
I liked summer  
camp because  
we watched t.v.,  
went swimming,  
and art projects.  
Also hanging out  
with friends.



Eddie-  
My favorite was  
video games and  
fieldtrips.



# BOYS STICK CAMP



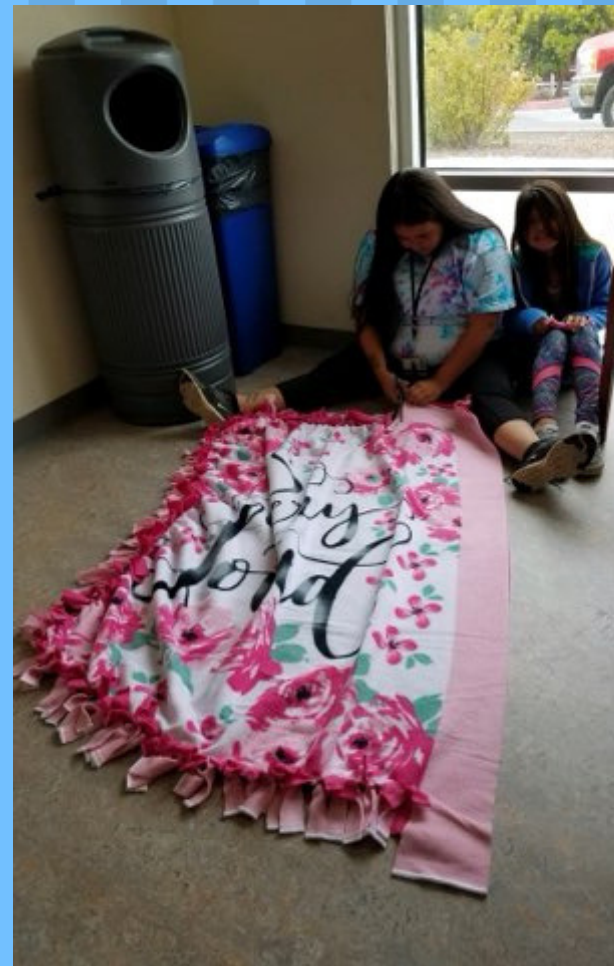


# FERN CANYON



# Native girls empowerment workshop





**ART ART  
ART!!!**





# Native Plants



# Wetland Clean Up

